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'Pearl Harbor Colors' 70th anniversary of the end of WWII in the Pacific

Newest Navy Chief Petty Officer Selects Honored

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The next Pearl Harbor Colors Ceremony will be held Thursday, August 20th at 7:30 am at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The theme for this month's ceremony is the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two.

The ceremony will provide an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the millions of brave service members who fought in World War Two, who not only served to protect and defend our nation, but were part of a global force to defend peace and strengthen our ties with an emerging alliance.

"Our World War Two veterans tell us that their greatest wish is that we never forget the sacrifices of seven decades ago," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "And that future generations will continue to value and defend cooperation, stability, freedom and the price of this hard earned peace."

The ceremony will also recognize the newest Chief Petty Officer selects, as they transition to the unique leadership role of becoming a Navy Chief Petty Officer and the continuing legacy passed on from the generation who fought for our freedom seventy years ago.

Sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii in coordination with the National Park Service, the ceremony will feature the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the Joint Base Honors and Ceremonies Guard, an official observance of "morning colors" and remarks from the Navy Region Hawaii Pearl Harbor Survivor Liaison and Retired Master Chief James "Jim" Taylor.

Video footage of previous Pearl Harbor Colors events available at: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/391914/pearl-harbor-colors#.VOfQPMJ0yUk

For photos, visit:

http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/about/history/-pearl-harbor-colors--ceremony.html

The setting for Pearl Harbor Colors is the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which is home to Hawaii's most visited historic site – the USS Arizona Memorial – expected to draw 1.5 million visitors in 2015.

Event: Pearl Harbor Colors

Date/Time: Thursday, August 20, 2015; 7:30 A.M.

Location: Pearl Harbor Visitor Center

Performance By: U.S. Pacific Fleet Band; Joint Base Honors and Ceremony Guard

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